

Scheduled Castes, the Scheduled Tribes and the Other Backward Classes in matters of admission to all educational institutions other than minority educational institutions. State Governments have been advised to take action to enact suitable laws for this purpose for the educational institutions falling under their jurisdiction.

Opening of foreign universities

2770. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a group of Ministers has concluded its study on the opening of foreign universities in the country;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether Government has laid down any guidelines to see that the interest of Indian students does not suffer at these foreign universities;

(d) whether the reservation policy would be applicable to these institutions; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (e) The Government intend to introduce a legislative proposal at the earliest to regulate the entry and operation of foreign education institutions, with such consultation as are considered necessary.

Overage expenditure to students

2771. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the expenditure per student being incurred by Government for education upto graduation level; and

(b) the percentage of GDP being spent for education in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) The data for the expenditure on education is maintained sector-wise for elementary, secondary and higher education sectors. The higher education sector

includes graduation, post graduation and other professional courses. The segregated data for expenditure on graduation, post graduation and other professional courses is not available in the compiled data of expenditure on higher education. However, the total expenditure on education by the centre and the states during 2004-05 was 10,4564 crore. (Revised Estimates) and total enrolment during 2004-05 was 23.45 crore. This total expenditure of Rs. 104566 crore on education during 2004-05 was 3.68% of the GDP (at factor cost).

Expansion of technical education system

†2772. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a need for expansion and development of the technical education system keeping in view the industrial requirement in the country;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) whether any target has been fixed for the expansion of this system; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (d) Skill Development and Technical Education at various levels are the important requirements for continued accelerated industrial growth in the country. The All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) which has a responsibility to ensure co-ordinated and integrated development of Technical Education are taking appropriate steps for the promotion of Technical Education in the country. Though, no target(s) have been fixed in this regard. AICTE has projected an annual growth rate of 15 per cent in admissions to Technical Institutions.

Budgetary allocation on education

2773. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

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